

Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos

February 19, 2004

An act to add Section ~~51224.7~~ 51227 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1421, as amended, Vasconcellos. High school diploma: parental skills coursework.

~~Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 8, inclusive, is required to offer courses in specified areas of study, including parenting skills and education.~~

~~This bill would require a pupil to complete that coursework prior to receiving a diploma of graduation from high school. The requirements on school districts to ensure that the additional course of study requirements are carried out would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

Existing law requires a pupil, while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to complete specified courses of study as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school, including, among other courses, 3 courses in social studies, including a one-semester course in American government and civics.

This bill would require, commencing with the 2009-10 school year, content on parenting skills and education to be integrated into that one-semester course in American government and civics. By requiring school districts to integrate content on parenting skills and education into the course of study, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~51224.7~~ 51227 is added to the
 2 Education Code, to read:
 3 ~~51224.7. Commencing with the 2009–10 school year, and~~
 4 ~~each year thereafter, a pupil shall complete coursework that meets~~
 5 ~~the requirements of subdivision (c) of Section 51220.5 prior to~~
 6 ~~receiving a diploma of graduation from high school.~~
 7 51227. Commencing with the 2009–10 school year, content
 8 on parenting skills and education, as described in subdivision (c)
 9 of Section 51220.5, shall be integrated into the one-semester
 10 course in American government and civics that is part of the social
 11 studies requirement for graduation pursuant to Section 51225.3.
 12 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
 13 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
 14 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
 15 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
 16 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
 17 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
 18 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
 19 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
 20 Fund.

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